**Fight**

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**That is the difference between me and you.  
You pack an umbrella, #30 sun goo  
And a red flannel shirt.  That's not what I do.  
I put the top down as soon as we arrive.  
The temperature's trying to pass fifty-five.  
I'm freezing but at least I'm alive.  
Nothing on earth can diminish my glee.  
This is Florida, Florida, land of euphoria,  
Florida in the highest degree.  
You dig in the garden.  I swim in the pool.  
I like to wear cotton.  You like to wear wool.  
You're always hot.  I'm usually cool.**

**You want to get married.  I want to be free.  
You don't seem to mind that we disagree.  
And that is the difference between you and me.**

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